# A Life Appreciation Service In Loving Memory Of "MeMe" Margery E. Jamison

Good Morning Arrival November 27, 1926



Good Night Departure October 28, 2008

Saturday, November 15, 2008
1:00 P.M.
Ehapel of the Chimes
4499 Piedmont Avenue
Oakland, Ealifornia 94611

## Order Of Service

Musical Prelude	Michael Hill
Welcome ~Call to Worship	Rev. Robert Collins
Opening Prayer	Rev. Robert Collins
Musical Selection	Carolyn Anderson, Soloist Michael Hill, Organist
Special Readings/Acknowledgements	Sigrid Williams
Reading of Obituary	Michele Patrick
Musical Selection	
Personal Reflections	Family and Friends
Spoken Word	Rev. Robert Collins
Closing Prayer	



### Obituary

In the early morning of October 28,2008 with family by her side, Margery was called home to her heavenly father after a courageous battle with cancer. With immense poise throughout her illness, cancer did not cripple her love, it did not silence her gratitude, it did not diminish her dignity, it did not stifle hope, and it did not conquer her Spirit. Margery has always been a fearless person, but we were all in awe as she quietly fought to give her family just another day......

Margery E. Jamison was born to her beloved parents, Florencia and Nicholas Desmangles on November 27, 1926 in Red Tank, Panama Canal Zone, Panama. As an infant, along with her parents, brothers and sisters, Margery moved to Oakland where the family tree took new roots and continued to grow.

Margery's leadership qualities were evident at an early age, as she was the school president at Golden Gate Jr. High School. She achieved academic excellence at University High School and attended San Francisco State. Later while working for the City of Oakland's Recreation Department, she was quickly promoted to the Playground Director at Defermery Park and Clawson Elementary School. She also worked at the Naval Supply Center where she was the Secretary to an Admiral. After many years with the State of California she retired. This was all a springboard to her later endeavors as a property owner and landlord, an accountant for the family corporation, a liquor store proprietor and chief counsel and partner to her husband, Bill, whom she championed through law school and stood by his side with hammer and nails as they built their first family home in Berkeley. She was truly a Renaissance woman -- enterprising, energetic and worked tirelessly over the years.

At the center of her being, from which all else flourished, was her family. She loved her family unconditionally and was forever devoted to their success. She valued education and made a way, in difficult economic times, to put her 5 children through Catholic schools. She selflessly gave whatever she had to support each of her children, this sometimes meant going without. On summers over the years, Margery, affectionately called "MeMe" by her grandchildren and great grandchildren, would take them to Sacramento for a week or two. Fully keeping them enveloped in love and thoroughly entertained. She was a "giver" not a "taker" which sometimes worried her children but she would always say "that's the way I want it". Every life she touched, there was always something special left to remember.

"MeMe" loved to look at photos of her family and friends. It was very cathartic to her and always seemed to appreciate God's blessing with each of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She cherished her pictures and would pull them out at times (many albums of pictures) as a means of connecting and remembering special times and the love that was shared. Yes, "MeMe" found much joy and solace in the gifts of family. And she would insist on taking your picture for her photo album whenever you were at a gathering; and although you may have only cooperated because she simply asked, I hope you now know how much she cherished our pictures.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her youngest son and best friend, David; her brothers: Elbert, Clarence, and Nicholas, Jr.; and her sisters: Clara, Mabel, Myra and Constance.

She leaves, to cherish her precious memories: her devoted husband of 62 years, William; her brother, Roy Desmangles; her 4 Children, Marcus, Kathy, Claudia and Valerie; Grandchildren: Russell, Randy, Steven, Eric, Maya, Michael, Diaunte, Carl, Steven, Steven Hill, Jr.; Great Grandchildren: Russell, Jr., Tiffany, Kiara, Cherish, Steven Price, Jr., Jazmyne, Eric, Jr., Omi, Asia, Timothy, Jr. and Ny'zaiah; Great-Great Grandchild, Jacion; and a multitude of Nieces and Nephews.

And so today we celebrate Margery "Meme" Jamison— and we know you are well, you are happy, you are reunited with the family and friends that have gone before -- and although we will miss you more than we can express, we will keep a special place for you in our hearts and memories, until we are once again reunited – farewell until it's our time to leave this earth...



God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be. So he put His arms around you
And Whispered, "Come to Me".

With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you passing away.
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped breathing, hard working hand at rest,
God broke our Hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.
With every thought of you a tear drop falls,

Love, Your Children, Marcus, Kathy, Claudia & Valerie

We Thought Of You With Love Today

But this is nothing new
We thought of you yesterday
And the days before that too
We think of you in silence
And often speak your name
All we have now are our memories
And your picture frame.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
A part of us went with you
The day God took you home

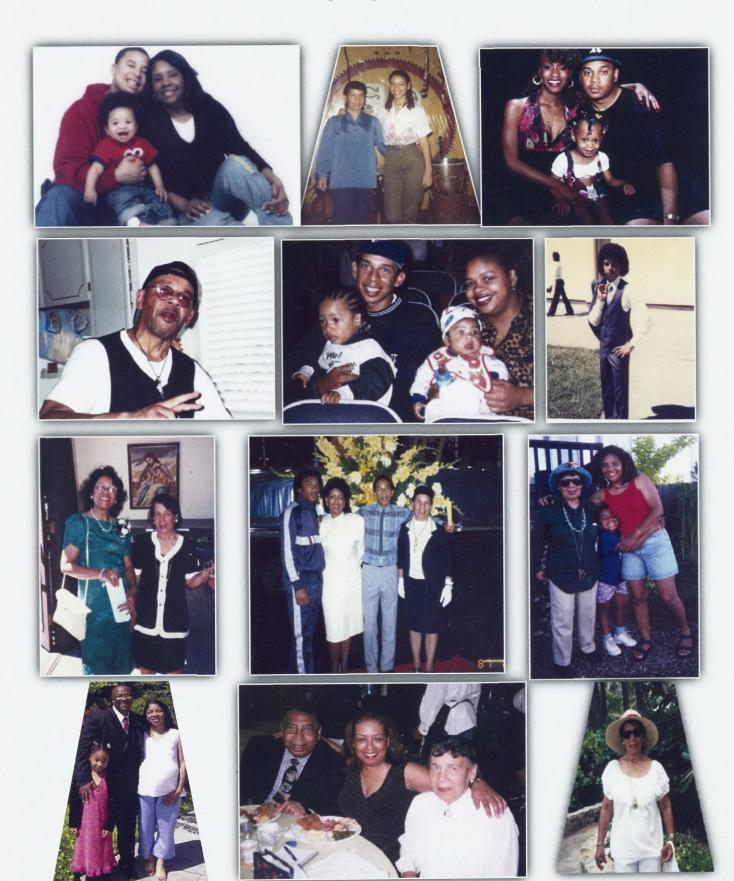






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# The Joy Of Family The Memory Of Good Times





# A Family That Is ...



Built



On



Love



#### ...With Laughter and Joy

















#### Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much whatever the part.

You are blessed.

-The Family-

#### Repast

Please join the family at St. Columba Parish Hall 6401 San Pablo Avenue Oakland, CA 94608

#### Internment

Oakmont Memorial Park Garden Of Meditation 2099 Reliez Valley Road Lafayette, CA 94549



## Memorial Arrangements Entrusted To Chapel Of The Chimes 4499 Piedmont Avenue Oakland, CA 94611